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Less than one month ago, I sent a letter alerting you to a wave of rockets launched from Lebanon onto Israel. On 23 August 2014, northern Israel once again came under fire when two rockets were shot from Lebanon and landed in Israeli towns. One of those rockets hit a house in Western Galilee and injured two citizens.

These attacks constitute yet another flagrant breach of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). It is clear that illegal arms continue to flow into southern Lebanon, which has become a haven for militant groups to move freely and use these arms to target innocent civilians with impunity. This is an act of terror which threatens to further destabilize an already volatile region.

Israel has thus far shown considerable restraint and has refrained from retaliating. However, Israel will not allow its citizens to be the ongoing victims of attacks and will not hesitate to take all measures necessary to protect its citizens.

Israel holds the Government of Lebanon responsible for the firing of the rockets and demands that it act in accordance with its obligations under resolution 1701 (2006). These obligations include deploying the Lebanese armed forces to the south, disarming all armed groups, locating the perpetrators of rocket attacks and bringing them to justice.

I call on the Security Council to unequivocally and publically condemn these unprovoked attacks on Israel and to take all the measures necessary to ensure that the Lebanese Government acts in conformity with its international commitments.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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